

**CHILDREN'S NETWORK
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

**Meeting of the
CHILD CARE & PLANNING COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE - LEGISLATION**

March 18, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Aguiar-Mills, Office of Senator Brulte	(909) 466-9096
Linda Drew, Teddy Bear Tymes	(909) 387-0550
Wendy Hoops	(909) 307-7975
Billie Houston, UCR Extension	(909) 787-2651
Linda Kelly, First 5 San Bernardino	(909) 386-7706
Pam Robinson	
Anthony Rubio, Children's Network	(909) 387-5375

1. Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Rubio welcomed everyone in attendance and self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written. **Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Information Items:

4. Committee Goals and Objectives

Anthony reviewed the established goals and objectives for the Legislation Subcommittee. This includes tracking State legislation and the Governor's proposed budget as they relate to child care. This committee will be able to recommend to the Child Care & Planning Council to take a "support" or "opposed" position on proposed State legislation.

5. Bill Updates

Anthony reported on Senate Bill 991. This bill would:

"require the Board of Prison terms to require as a condition of parole for any parolee who has been convicted of a sexual crime committed against a victim under 18 years of age to "remain at all times at least 500 feet from, and to prohibit him or her from loitering, lingering, or remaining near,

the perimeter of” any of the following: school, park, shopping mall, child day care center, or other location where children congregate on a regular basis.”

Unfortunately this bill is inactive due to several concerns raised about unfunded mandates and enforcement problems. Anthony called the author of the bill (Senator Morrow), and suggested they reintroduce the bill with some of the objectionable language removed, but most importantly leaving the child care stipulation intact. Anthony offered our committee to assist in these efforts. Jaime from Senator Morrow’s office was very interested in meeting with us in hopes of revising the bill and reintroducing it in September.

Details about this bill can be found by going to this web site:
http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_991&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen

Pam Robinson reported on SB1413. This bill would:

“prohibit a person from being held liable for civil damages as a result of assisting another person to voluntarily surrender physical custody of a child to a safe-surrender site if the assisting person is not being compensated, undertakes the assistance in a non-negligent manner, and believes in good faith that the person he or she is assisting is a parent or other individual having lawful custody of a minor 72 hours old or younger.”

Pam felt this was a good bill as an extension of Megan’s Law. Amy Aguiar-Mills, representing Senator Brulte, gave a brief background and emphasized the need for this bill.

Linda Drew reported on the CTA (California Teacher’s Association) Initiative – Improving Classroom Education Act. She also provided a copy of frequently asked questions and answers about this initiative. You can view this document at: http://www.cta.org/News/2003/20031114_1a.htm. Supported by Rob Reiner, this proposed ballot initiative claims to accomplish the following:

“Raises \$2 billion per year for preschool as well as \$4 billion to decrease class sizes, to fund new instructional materials and to support teacher training and compensation in K-12 education. We accomplish all of this by raising commercial property taxes on big businesses from 1 to 1.55 percent.”

After much discussion, the group felt this would be a good start to a good Universal Preschool system, but is far from perfect. Most notably it seems to alienate the private sector with unreasonable requirements.

Anthony mentioned that he spoke to Rob Reiner at the CAEYC Conference in San Diego about this initiative. Anthony invited Rob to speak to the Child Care & Planning Council and respond to concerns in our community. Although he could not commit to a meeting, he directed his associates to stay in touch with

Anthony. Last week Anthony e-mailed Rob Reiner's staff with a formal invitation to speak to the Council. So far no response has been received.

6. Riverside Legislative Breakfast

Anthony and Linda will be attending the Annual Riverside Legislative Breakfast on April 15th. This event is growing every year and is attended by the local child care community and legislators as a place of gathering information about the State Budget as it relates to children.

Anthony approached the coordinator of the event, Jan Peterson, about possibly collaborating with our Child Care & Planning Council next year and making this event even bigger. She was thinking about making the same recommendation and was very excited about the possible collaboration. She agreed to attend one of our future meetings to discuss the logistics in more detail.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was not scheduled. Pending room availability, the next meeting will be scheduled and the information will go out in e-mail form.

8. Public Comment

None given

minutes submitted by Anthony Rubio